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Traders' anger at 'uneven fight'

Latin village reps ask council to put the brakes on Wards Corner development



Seven Sisters Market Credit Stephen Furner

By Luchia Robinson

Latin Village traders have called on Haringey Council to pause the demolition of Seven Sisters market until after a scrutiny review.

The review of the proposed demolition of Wards Corner, is now taking place. It gives all parties the chance to present evidence concerning regeneration plans to the council's Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny panel.

Representatives of the Latin Village have begun presenting their case for a community plan to restore Wards Corner and preserve the existing market.

Vicky Alvarez, market trader and representative of the majority of

traders at the Latin Village hopes the scrutiny review will provide a space for the traders to express their concerns, propose their alternative plan and be listened to objectively.

Vicky has criticised Haringey Council for not listening to the

Latin traders and rushing through a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the site to enable plans proposed by property developer, Grainger.

The decision to confirm Haringey Council's CPO order was made by the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government (HCLG) in January. The CPO allows the land, on which the market is situated, to be obtained without the consent of the owner (TfL) for purposes of regeneration.

In a statement announcing the CPO, Haringey Leader, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor said: "The decision to submit the CPO for consideration is a legacy decision, made in 2016 by the previous administration.

"I want to be really clear about what is proposed at Wards Corner – this is not a plan to remove the market from Seven Sisters. It is a plan to temporarily move the market to a site over the road, in order to build a sustainable new long-term market, deliver new homes and business space. When the market moves back to the site, returning traders have a clear list of commitments, including reduced rent and the guarantee of equivalent space made by Grainger.

"Since 2007 the Wards Corner agreement with Grainger has been subject to approvals from Cabinet and the CPO has been subject to an inquiry where all aspects of the scheme are closely examined. Discussions about the market's future did not begin on the day we got the CPO decision."

In response to this statement, Vicky said: "This appears to be a hasty announcement Cllr Ejiofor has made without even consulting his own Labour Councillors, let alone traders, and before the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel has even had

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Latin Village Series by Nima Shahmalekpur

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a chance to start its review of Latin Village and Wards Corner.”

The Latin Village traders have asked the Council to pause the CPO until after the review, now that the scrutiny process has begun. “I think it’s unconscionable that the council will not put the brakes on, which they are perfectly, legally allowed to do, whilst this scrutiny process takes place,” said Stuart McNamara, local resident and former Haringey Councillor.

He added: “I think this is a symptom of a much bigger issue where regeneration has lost its focus, it’s forgotten who it’s there to represent.”

In an interview with TCP in November 2018, Cllr Ejiofor had explained the council’s position and their inability to halt the scheme.

“The council has a number of

legally binding commitments [to work] with the developer on the scheme. There is a Section 106 agreement which is in place between the developers, the market traders, the council and TfL, which expresses what we all expect to see at the outcome – and that is a sustainable Latin Village market, where the traders have the same footprint as they have now in the new development.”

Stuart was not impressed by this and is demanding transparency from the council.

“When we hear figures of ‘it will cost millions to get out of this, there’s a development agreement, the developers have already got most of the land’ -Where’s the paperwork?”

“We want to see the development agreement, we want to see the advice, we want to know who you’ve met and who you’ve discussed it with.”

Vicky says that the council has not been willing to work with the traders to reach a compromise that will retain the authenticity of what’s been recreated at Wards Corner.

“We are a BME community and we belong to this great place we call Tottenham, which I love. It’s my home because we’ve got people here from all over the world, not only Latin.”

Vicky added: “It’s such an uneven fight that makes things even more difficult and complicated. Who do you ask for help, if the people, the bodies that are there to represent you are not there to represent your interests. What do you do?”

“Today, it’s the Latin community, tomorrow it could be any other community.”

“We are the casualty at the moment, and I am telling you, we have been paying a really high price, in every single aspect.”



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Campaigners 'let down' by Mayor's housing plan

By Kathryn Oglesby,
Local Democracy Reporter

Campaigners calling on the Mayor of London to stop properties for shared ownership being built at a hospital redevelopment say “residents are being let down”.

The former St Ann's Hospital site was bought by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan and the Greater London Authority (GLA) in 2018.

The site, which could see up to 800 new homes built on it, will be sold to a private contractor who must meet certain conditions before buying the land— including making 50% of the homes affordable.

As part of these plans, developers can sell homes under the shared ownership scheme, which means residents can own part of their house by paying a deposit and through monthly rent payments.

But campaigners from St Ann's Redevelopment Trust (StART) say selling houses for shared ownership undermines the concept of affordable homes as residents do not have the savings to pay for the initial deposit.

A Freedom of Information (FOI) request by StART revealed 48% of residents in Haringey have no savings or are in debt, which the group says demonstrates residents could not afford any deposits on the homes.

David King, who has been a member

of StART since 2014, said: “Shared ownership is not affordable and unavailable for the majority of residents.”

“We have a housing crisis and a bold decision needs to be made to provide for the needs of the people.

“We want the GLA to demonstrate that this is a community development.”

StART is involved in the development at St Ann's by putting forward the voices of residents to the GLA to ensure local housing needs are met.

The group said it has tried to arrange meetings with Mr Khan and the GLA but many of these have been cancelled.

Mr King said: “We have never got [to] the point of having a discussion about it with the GLA, it is a little bit

frustrating.

“We are beginning to wonder what we are bringing to the process and we feel like the views of residents are being disregarded. We don't feel like we are being listened to.

“Residents are being let down.”

The group also raised concerns that if properties are sold under the shared ownership scheme they will be sold on afterwards for a higher price which means housing in the future homes will become more expensive instead of affordable.

Mr King added: “We want the site to be an asset for the community [that] gives benefits for people in the future.”

City Hall has been contacted for comment.

Low earning residents to get Council Tax relief

Council Tax Reduction scheme introduced to Haringey

Haringey Council has voted in council tax reduction reforms for low earning residents.

According to the council, at least 6,000 working-age families will be £264 better off per year. This includes qualifying claimants with children, who can receive up to 80.2% reduction.

Families most in need, pensioners and those on prescribed disability benefits will be able to receive up to 100% support.

Owners of long-term unused housing will pay double the amount of council tax, in a bid to free up empty properties. There are plans to eliminate the 50% Council Tax reduction that owners of empty properties that are either unfurnished or undergoing renovation, currently receive, saving the council almost £500,000 a year.

Cllr Patrick Berryman, Cabinet Member for Finance, said: “We are proud to introduce these changes to our council tax reduction scheme, which means we are targeting support at those residents who need it most.

“It is a priority that London's houses are lived-in, rather than treated as a place to store wealth. The increase in council tax premium for empty properties and the abolition of the discount for empty unfurnished homes will encourage owners to bring empty properties back into use as soon as possible. This is at a time when there are 10,000 people on the council's waiting list for a home and 3,000 households living in temporary accommodation.”

Haringey licensing crackdown on rogue landlords

Landlords could be fined up to £30,000 under plans to drive up the standards of privately rented housing



Haringey Civic Centre in Wood Green Credit Local Democracy Reporting Service

By Simon Allin,
Local Democracy Reporter

Haringey Council's cabinet has approved plans to force all landlords in the borough renting out houses in multiple occupation (HMO) to hold a licence.

The additional HMO licensing scheme will allow the local authority to crack down on those who fail to provide good quality accommodation.

It is being rolled out amid concerns some landlords have been renting out substandard and dangerous homes while failing to tackle prob-

lems such as anti-social behaviour.

The scheme allows the council to prosecute rogue landlords or hit them with civil penalties of up to £30,000 if they breach their licence.

Cllr Emine Ibrahim, cabinet member for housing and estate renewal, said: “This regulatory framework will

support good landlords and give officers the power to tackle rogue landlords who do not comply.

“The additional licensing scheme has been developed following wider evidence gathering and a public consultation. I am really pleased to bring it to council for approval.”

A third of households in Haringey live in privately rented accommodation, compared to a national average of 19%.

The borough's private rented sector grew by 46% between 2001 and 2011— and the council believes it could continue to rise.

Borough-wide licensing was backed by 70% of people who responded to a council consultation— although only 45% of landlords were in favour of the plans.

The Council already runs a landlord licensing scheme within five wards in Tottenham and previously ran a five-year scheme in the Harringay ward.

It says the schemes have helped to improve accommodation standards for tenants and allowed them to tackle issues arising from poorly managed HMOs.

“It is a priority that London's houses are lived-in, rather than treated as a place to store wealth”



Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan talks with LUOS founder, Layla Laksari Credit Luchia Robinson

Mayor today, funds tomorrow

Sadiq Khan launches crowdfunding programme in Tottenham

By Luchia Robinson

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has launched the latest crowdfunding initiative at a community project in Tottenham. The Mayor launched crowdfund London at Living Under One Sun (LUOS): Tottenham Café Connect– a project that has generated funds locally to transform a dilapidated bowling club in Down Lane Park into a community hub. The Crowdfund London initiative helps raise money for community led projects such as LUOS, contributing additional funds to that already raised by the community. During this visit Sadiq Khan met local residents and saw the

communal spaces used for cooking, gardening and craft making. Leyla Laksari, founder and CEO of LUOS said: “We are extremely grateful to the Mayor for his support through his crowdfunding programme. With this support we have created a welcoming place in our neighbourhood for people of all backgrounds and ages to come together and share stories, skills and ideas, as a way of having a positive role in shaping Tottenham’s future.” Anja Beinroth, Treasurer of LUOS told TCP that: “The crowd-funder has really built support and awareness of our project. It’s been really nice to see lots of different people making a contribution. “It’s shown us that people care about

Living Under One Sun, and want us to do things in the community.” Speaking to Layla at the launch, the Mayor said: “We’re hoping other communities in London can see the example you’ve done here with Tottenham Café Connect and use it as a way of engendering a sense of community spirit, not just raising money, but getting to know each other.” The Mayor wants communities across London to take inspiration from LUOS by applying for the funds available this year, with proposals for transforming their local areas. He said: “This is people-powered regeneration in action and we want more Londoners with great ideas for improving their local communities to get involved. “I’m also calling on businesses to join me in supporting these brilliant projects, which enable our city’s diverse communities to play an active role in shaping the future of their local areas. “We want to harness the entrepreneurial spirit our city is famous for and apply it to the challenges and opportunities faced by communities across the capital, so I urge anyone with a creative project to apply to this year’s crowdfunding programme.”

Entrants have until Wednesday, 1st May to apply for up to £50,000 each in funding. For more details: Visit london.gov.uk/crowdfunding



Communal garden space Credit Luchia Robinson

Public Spaces Protection Order issued on Love Lane Estate

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) has been introduced on the Love Lane Estate in the Northumberland ward. This comes as 81 out of 85 residents, local people and business traders within the vicinity of the estate responded in favour of the order, following a 6-week public consultation concerning tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the defined area (the Love Lane estate blocks and the surrounding parts of the High Road, White Hart Lane, William Street and Love Lane), which took place last year. Haringey Council, working in consultation with the police and homes management agency, Homes

for Haringey, says the PSPO will improve the safety and cleanliness of the environment, by restricting drug dealing and misuse, loitering by non-residents, illicit sex work and any other crime taking place on the estate. The PSPO is enforced until 2022, but can be extended by up to another three years if the council sees fit. Breaches of the PSPO can result in a fine of up to £1000, a Fixed Penalty Notice or prosecution and conviction. The council acknowledges that some locals may feel negatively impacted by the order but says the PSPO will apply to ‘all individuals committing ASB within the estate, without discrimination.’



Love Lane Estate Credit Luchia Robinson

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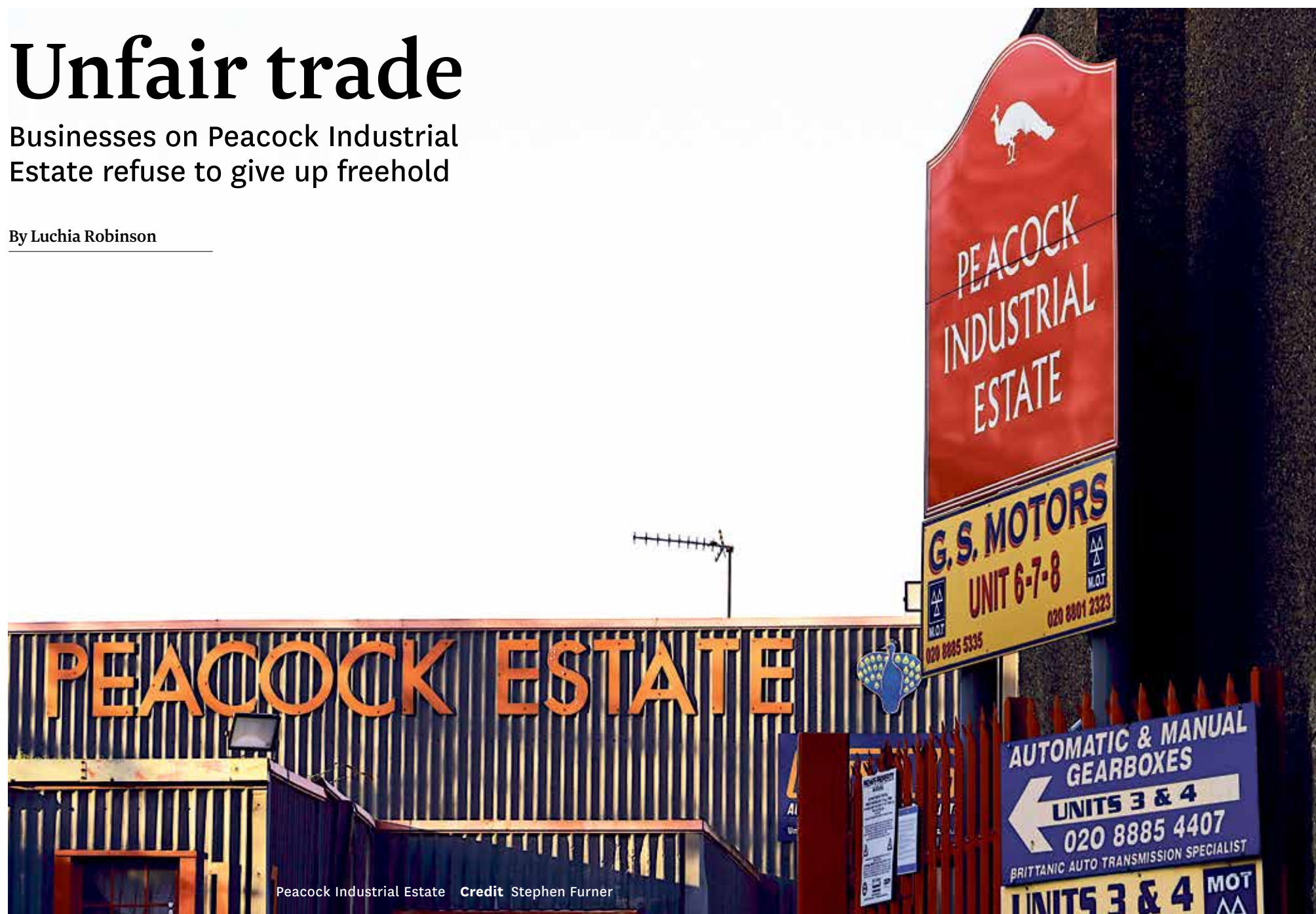
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Unfair trade

Businesses on Peacock Industrial Estate refuse to give up freehold

By Luchia Robinson



Peacock Industrial Estate Credit Stephen Furner

Traders on the Peacock Industrial Estate, White Hart Lane have told Haringey Council that they no longer want to discuss plans to improve the area, as their concerns regarding the regeneration process, are not being heard.

The estate is currently owned by the traders who have freeholder status. However, the land surrounding the estate, which is mostly owned by the council, has been designated as a regeneration site as part of the High Road West development scheme.

The council has assigned the traders' plot of land as a communal square, demanding the business owners forgo their private land and downgrade from freeholder status, so development works by property developer, Lendlease can go ahead.

Addressing the council in an open letter, business trader Nick Oliveri said: "For too long the council and its regeneration partners have failed to listen to our wishes to remain in the

area. For too long it has not shown us – over 50 businesses with over 300 jobs – the respect of being a significant freehold landowner. It is insulting to offer a freeholder a different workspace where they rent off somebody else. That is not what we have worked hard for and not the legacy we want to pass on to our successors."

Having met with the leader of Haringey Council, Cllr Joseph Ejiofor, and participated in discussions surrounding the proposed changes with Council officers and team members from Lendlease, the traders have decided to end cooperation.

They have drawn up their own development plan that proposes a mixed use development that would keep the existing industrial spaces, and create both housing and green spaces.

The traders say that their plan has either been ignored or belittled by the regeneration team and that they have not been included in the regeneration plans, as freeholders who

wish to continue developing their assets and livelihoods on the estate.

Haringey Council said: "The High Road West scheme will bring forward much needed new homes, new jobs and training opportunities, open space, retail and workspace in north Tottenham. Some of the land needed to deliver the scheme is owned and occupied by a diverse mix of businesses, so in order to facilitate transformational change, the council will need to acquire that land.

"We are committed to supporting businesses in and around High Road West. In December 2014, we created a High Road West Business Charter where we committed to ensuring businesses would be able to participate in, and be supported through, the regeneration process. Our aim is to keep as many businesses and jobs within the area, and for those that are unable to remain for any reason, we are committed to a fair valuation and compensation process.

"The Council recognises that retaining a freehold is a priority for some businesses. However, we have always been upfront that the commercial premises available in the new scheme are proposed to be leasehold, so those that return would do so on a leasehold basis. We will also be investigating any freehold opportunities beyond the site which may be suitable for businesses to move to."

The Council says that the engagement with the traders has been ongoing and they plan to hold future events so that these business and land owners "can exercise real choice regarding their current and future options."

Having an established business community and being in a prime location for both transport and trading links, the offer of compensation to relocate, is of no interest to the Tottenham traders. Neither is the prospect of transferring their assets to Lendlease and paying for

leasehold units.

Regarding the High Road West development scheme, Faruk Tepeyurt, Chairman of the board of directors at Peacock Industrial Estate said: "[The] current cabinet leader and some other councillors during the election campaign promised their electorate that they would not support a wild regeneration and would take into consideration the needs of the local community, where we gave them [the] benefit of doubt and plenty of credit after their election."

Faruk added: "We stated that everyone including Tottenham Hotspur, Lendlease, Haringey Council and Peacock Industrial Estate should compromise, allocate green spaces to the community jointly and develop the area jointly.

"[The] council is not only deaf but also blind to our plight. Until they come up with a constructive proposal, we do not want to deal with them."

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Local student wins public speaking challenge

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Step forward

Local fashion group creates change

After leaving university, as a young mum of two, I was buzzing with excitement to get into the work environment.

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This year Embrace U Empire hosted its seventh annual fashion show fundraiser, *Inspiring Edge* which took place at The Irish Cultural & Community Centre at the end of January.

This evening of entertainment, based on the theme 'where you

come from', showcased aspiring creatives, including models, artists and choreographers. It gave them the opportunity to promote and develop their talents and services via workshops and training by Special Edition Models & Unorthodox.

The money raised on the night is going to Make A Step's, 'Fuss about the Flush' campaign.

Make a Step is a UK based Community Interest Company which I set up, that delivers exciting creative arts and sports workshop programmes aimed at 5-16 years-olds.

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Since 2015, Make A Step has delivered eight incredible programmes

By Haylee Venus

in London, and in orphanages and schools in Jamaica, Gambia, Kenya and St Lucia.

This year's fashion show raised awareness of Make A Step but also mental health, as Mind in Haringey supported the event by providing a guest speaker who gave insight into dealing with symptoms of mental health, and the support services available to people who may be directly affected.

A cast of 26 child models, aged 6-16 alongside 15 adult models, 18-52 and artists including saxophonist, Groover and young singer Kai Lewis, all stunned the audience with their skills.

We had over 250 people in attendance. Deputy Mayor of Haringey, Cllr Sheila Hancock honoured us by reading a speech celebrating the volunteers who went on the charitable trips abroad, last year with Make A Step.



Models at the fashion show Credit Chima Luke Okafor

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YOUTH

The pirate ship has launched

Literacy Pirates, making reading fun for Tottenham school students



A young pirate on the new ship in Tottenham **Credit** Remy Magnenat

We are the Literacy Pirates, a charity which runs an after-school learning programme for 9-12 year olds to improve their literacy skills and confidence.

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We've recently opened a learning centre, at The Trampery on Tottenham High Road, where we've transformed the space into a fantastical pirate galleon complete with a performance area and a secret passageway.

We celebrated this milestone by inviting supporters, head teachers, volunteers and pupils to the special launch event last month, to hear

By Jude Williams,
CEO of The Literacy Pirates

more about what we do and to experience the new ship for themselves.

Our first *Ship of Adventures* was launched in Hackney in 2014, where we have since provided 720 young people with targeted support to help them achieve their full potential.

Our learning programme is devised and led by teachers. It is currently supported by our 450 volunteers, but we are seeking more crewmates for the Haringey Ship.

We are working with five Tottenham schools and want to increase this to ten schools in the coming academic year.

When young learners join the Literacy Pirates, aged nine, they are, on average, 13 months behind their peers. We close this gap by improving the reading age of these pupils over 50% faster than age related expectations. Furthermore, 100% of our 'young pirates' who say they don't enjoy reading for pleasure at the start of the programme have changed their minds by the end.

We want the pupils to experience literacy in lots of different ways, so each term, we create high quality published books, films and apps.

Joanne McCartney, Deputy Mayor for Education and Childcare and Assembly Member for Enfield and Haringey, said: "Funded through the Mayor's £45m Young Londoners Fund, this fabulous new ship will provide an exciting space for over 350 children over the next three years, to fuel their love of reading and writing."

If you are interested in joining us on this adventure and would like to find out more:

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The top three speakers with Cllr Sheila Peacock, Deputy Mayor of Haringey **Credit** Speakers Trust

Local student wins regional 'Speak Out' challenge

A pupil from Gladesmore Community School has won the Haringey Regional Final of Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out' Challenge.

India Jackman, 14, won the public speaking event with her speech entitled "Am I Good Enough?" which explored the effects of social media and today's expectations of women.

Following a one-day training workshop that provided the students with confidence and skills to take part, the 'Speak Out' challenge saw ten pupils from schools across Haringey deliver speeches on topics important to them.

Having scooped the £100 gift certificate prize, in last month's competition, India now has the chance to go through to the Grand Final which takes place in summer.

Upon winning, India said: "I wasn't expecting to win. I can't believe it."

Christina Harb, 15, from St Thomas More Catholic School came in second and third place went to 14-year-old, Alice Jenkins from Highgate Wood School.

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India Jackman with her awards **Credit** Speakers Trust

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Ducks And...

by Terry Egan

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or a knotty old wooden fence
to climb out of it into some forbidden clearing.
Like Sir Francis Drake, we'd scale the oldest oak on Earth
to catch sight of our Pacific,
then venture boldly-gingerly into its harbours,
where galleons would be waiting...
Ah! But we'd be biding days too,
hiding out in the emboldened dark with our snowballs,
till that bush-shaped man-o'-war twitched
and we'd loose our broadside volley,
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COMMUNITY

Tidy up Tottenham

With almost 400 members, community group, Tidy Up Tottenham has taken a proactive approach to clearing up the area. Group co-founder, Anthony Flaum tells us more

Tottenham is a densely populated and richly diverse area. It has much to offer: amazing buildings, parks, cafés, social and cultural activities and more. I love where I live. However, a persistent bugbear of many in Tottenham is littering and fly-tipping. For local activist, mother and graphic designer Emma Geraghty (Tottenham resident of 16 years) and me, an opera singer, father and Tottenham resident of only 4 years, the issue had reached a point where we knew something had to be done.

We founded 'Tidy Up Tottenham', last October, on a simple belief – that residents and Haringey Council can work together to improve our local area and help our environment.

We started by opening a Facebook page to unite the community around this subject, give residents a positive forum to share concerns, discuss the issue, raise awareness and campaign for change. We encourage members to post pictures of fly-tipping and littering, collating them in monthly montages to be reported to the council. These montages are jaw-dropping in their appearance – resembling works of modern art, their scale and what they represent is all the same, quite disturbing.

In just five months, Tidy Up Tottenham has developed into a movement with its own manifesto, Twitter feed and several projects with the council and other local groups.

One of our first initiatives was to have direct contact with waste management service Veolia, initially setting them up as a user on our Facebook page. So, Veolia now pick up reports of fly-tips directly from our page,

meaning they can respond quickly and effectively while at the same time empowering the community to continue to share these updates.

Our second success was building a meaningful dialogue with the Waste and Enforcement teams at the council, who are now working with us on a number of issues. Via some of our reports, we've enabled them to take formal action against fly-tippers, where appropriate.

We are in the early stages of planning an event as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign – 'The Great British Spring Clean' in March/April. It will be a series of litter picks across Tottenham with a gala event to spread the message and have a little fun too!

We've also been speaking to local artists about creating eye-catching street art in a number of fly-tipping hot spots. It's been proven that fly-tipping decreases when things such as street-art or guerrilla gardening are in evidence. We're currently looking at funding options and potentially even a Tottenham street art trail.



Rubbish on the streets of Tottenham **Credit** Stephen Furner

Fly-tipping of course is a complex issue and our approach needs to match this challenge. We understand that the root causes are more difficult to tackle so we are also looking at measures such as: education in schools, public information, community engagement efforts, bulk waste solutions and better reporting

systems for fly-tips amongst others. We hope people from across the community will engage with this subject and continue to make this area a great place to live, work and enjoy.

For more information:
Visit facebook.com/groups/tidyuptottenham

Clean streets

Bruce Grove community turns litter into art



Clean street, clean planet mural **Credit** Stephen Furner

By Beautiful Bruce Grove

Over the past several months, we; Pablo Flack, Jemima Fleming, Samuel Gerstein, Oliver Knowles and Catherine Suttle, members of Beautiful Bruce Grove (a sub group of the Bruce Grove Residents' Network) have been working on a collaborative project with Bruce Grove Primary School, which aims to reduce littering and fly-tipping in the area.

The project, funded by £3000 of ward funding from Haringey Council, involved designing and producing street art with an anti-litter theme and providing the children with take-home packs that included a re-usable bag and contents designed to start conversations about the need to reduce litter and fly-tipping.

The street art, made from plastic items found on the streets of Bruce Grove, was produced in a series of art workshops which were planned and facilitated by local artist Wendy Charlton, who designed the artwork.

Many of the plastic items were

cleaned and colour-sorted by the children during the workshops, which included age-appropriate information about plastic pollution.

The children positioned the plastics on plywood segments to form an eye. The centre of the eye features the wording 'Clean Street Clean Planet' which the group hopes will convey a simple but important message.

Last month, the artwork was installed on a wall in the alleyway between Napier Road and Sperling Road. The Installation was arranged and supported by Veolia and Haringey Council.

"This spot is part of Cycle Super-highway 1, but it and other parts of Bruce Grove are frequently littered and used for fly tipping," said Catherine Suttle.

"Our councillors, council officers, Veolia and of course Bruce Grove Primary School were extremely supportive of the project, and we are grateful to all of them. We know that art can't solve the problem, but we hope this project will make litter bugs and fly-tippers think about their actions."

SPORT

The Boro

Community focused club for the win



Haringey Borough FC supporters **Credit** David Faye

By Julian Savitch-Lee

It's exciting stuff at present at Haringey Borough FC. Last month, top scorer Ralston Gabriel clinched a goal in the dying moments of the game against Burgess Hill Town, with a hat-trick of penalties, scoring a 4-4 draw. The team had led 2-0 at halftime and were 2-4 down in the match, before the last minute goal. A week later Ralston moved to a semi-professional club, two divisions higher.

The winner in the game against Brightlingsea Regent FC came after an excellent substitution from boss Tom Loizou, to bring on Ricky Sappleton and Coby Rowe. It almost backfired when the visitors had a shot on an open goal, moments before Sappleton found the winner in injury time to bring about a 2-1 victory.

The team is a tight-knit, successful unit that won promotion last year from the Bostik Isthmian League One North, and they keep on winning. They recently went 14 unbeaten moving from 17th to an unexpected 1st, in the Isthmian Premier League. This run, directly followed an FA Cup 1st round tie, which they lost in the final minutes to League One professionals AFC Wimbledon last November. The game was televised live on BBC2 and drew lots of attention to the team.

The community focused, non-league club, which its fans declare in a popular stadium chant, to be 'just a bus-stop in Tottenham' is now growing at a rapid pace.

The increasing support for 'the Boro'

can be put down to the free season tickets for adults and children, a family friendly atmosphere and that swearing is banned from the vocal chants.

The diversity of Haringey can be seen on Saturday afternoon and Monday night games at Coles Park, White Hart Lane, with our various heritages and backgrounds reflected both in the stands and on the pitch.

Despite the free season tickets cutting the playing budget, club manager, Tom Loizou is working full time, to a ten-year plan that is designed to grow the club and its ground. A car boot sale each Sunday helps to bring in revenue, as does a newly created clubhouse/bar. The club's 3G artificial pitch is also used in partnership by Barnet and Southgate College and Tottenham Hotspur, in addition to private hire.

Speaking to TCP, Haringey Borough FC manager, Tom Loizou said: "The business plan had to come first, it's a success story, ten years in the making. When I came here we had two supporters, one died the following year and the other one [died] three years later.

"We have created a safe space for friends and families to enjoy watching a game. We are here to support our community. Offering free season tickets is a big statement and we hope to offer it again next year, even if we do go up [in the league]."

Haringey Borough FC currently sits second place in the league with ten games remaining. Should the team continue to be successful, the borough of Haringey will be known for having more than one football team.



Team talk with club manager Tom Loizou **Credit** David Faye

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To use this process, you must be in the UK to apply – there is another process to apply from outside the UK. You will need:

- An email address
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